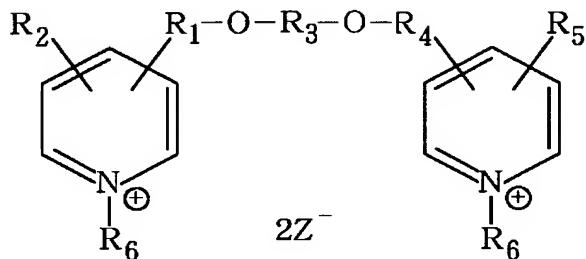


## ABSTRACT

Provided are novel pyridine compounds represented by the following formula (7):

**Formula (7)**

wherein  $\text{R}_1$  and  $\text{R}_4$  may be the same or different and are each a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms;  $\text{R}_2$  and  $\text{R}_5$  are hydrogen atoms, or may be the same or different and are each a halogen atom, lower alkyl group or lower alkoxy group;  $\text{R}_3$  is a linear or branched alkyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms;  $\text{R}_6$  is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; and  $Z$  is a chlorine atom, bromine atom or iodine atom or an  $\text{OSO}_2\text{R}_7$  group in which  $\text{R}_7$  is a lower alkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group. Also provided is their production process, which can easily provide them at low cost from readily-available pyridine compounds as starting raw materials.

